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Sir:

Please amend the application in accordance with the following appended parts:

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Amendments to the Specification

On page 1, before the first line of text, insert the following:

This application is a national phase of International Application No. PCT/GB2004/004917 filed November 22, 2004 and published in the English language.

Amendments to the Claims

1. (original) A telephone terminal operable to transmit dialling information to a telephone network, the terminal having an operating text mode of entry for specifying a desired connection in which dialling information is entered in a form that comprises text and is transmitted from the terminal to the network.

2. (original) A terminal as claimed in claim 1, in which the connection to be established is a voice connection.

3. (currently amended) A terminal as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, that is a mobile terminal.

4. (currently amended) A terminal as claimed in claim 2 ~~or 3~~, in which the terminal has key entry means operable to confirm the dialling information for transmission.

5. (original) A terminal as claimed in claim 1, in which the terminal is operable to initiate a connection to the network by indialling to a service number.

6. (original) A terminal as claimed in claim 5, in which the service number is predetermined, and may be in the form of an international number or a short code.

7. (original) A terminal as claimed in claim 1, in which the terminal is operable to combine the step of entering as text and confirming the dialling information with the step of initiating a call to the network.

8. (original) A terminal as claimed in claim 1, in which at least part of the dialling information transmission and processing time takes place in parallel with call set-up time for an indialled call to the network.

9. (original) A terminal as claimed in claim 1, in which the terminal is operable to answer an outdialled call from the network in order to initiate the desired connection.

10. (currently amended) A terminal as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, in which the terminal has key entry means to place the terminal into the operating text dialling mode from a standby mode.

11. (currently amended) A terminal as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, in which the terminal can be switched to a numeric entry mode in which the terminal is operable to enter dialling information in a form that consists of numeric information, for transmission to the network.

12. (currently amended) A terminal as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, in which the dialling information is transmitted by SMS, USSD or packet data.

13. (currently amended) A terminal as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, including a display operable to display a text calling line identity string received as part of a text communication, and operable on entry of a confirmatory action by the user to transmit the text string to the network, and to initiate automatically a connection to a service platform.

14. (original) A method of operating a telephone terminal to transmit dialling information to a telephone network to establish a desired connection, the method comprising the step of placing the terminal into an operating text mode of entry for specifying the desired connection in which the dialling information is entered in a form that comprises text and is transmitted to the network.

15. (original) A method as claimed in claim 14, in which the connection to be established is a voice connection.

16. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 14 ~~or 15~~, in which the terminal is a mobile terminal.

17. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 14, ~~15 or 16~~, in which the terminal has key entry means operable to confirm the dialling information for transmission.

18. (original) A method as claimed in claim 14, in which the terminal is operated to initiate connection to the network by dialling in to a service number.

19. (original) A method as claimed in claim 18, in which the service number is predetermined, and may be in the form of an international number or a short code.

20. (original) A method as claimed in claim 14, in which the terminal is operated to combine the step of entering as text and confirming the dialling information with the step of initiating a call to the network.

21. (original) A method as claimed in claim 14, in which at least part of the dialling information transmission and processing time takes place in parallel with call set-up time for an indialled call to the network.

22. (original) A method as claimed in claim 14, in which the terminal is operable to answer an outdialled call from the network in order to initiate the desired connection.

23. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 14 ~~any one of claims 14 to 22~~, in which the terminal is placed into the operating text dialling mode from a standby mode.

24. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 14 ~~any one of claims 14 to 23~~, in which the dialling information is transmitted to a telephone network that has

a text dialling system including a voice services equipment for receiving the dialled information.

25. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 14 ~~any one of claims 14 to 24~~, in which the dialling information is transmitted by SMS, USSD or packet data.

26. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 15 ~~any one of claims 15 to 26~~, in which the telephone terminal has a display, including displaying a text calling line identity string received as part of a text communication, and, upon entry of a confirmatory action by the user, transmitting the text string to the network, and initiating automatically a connection to a service platform.

27. (original) A telecommunications system comprising a telephone network having a text dialling system that includes a voice services equipment, and a telephone terminal operable to transmit dialling information to the voice services equipment in the telephone network, the terminal having an operating text mode of entry for specifying a desired connection in which dialling information is entered in a form that comprises text and is transmitted from the terminal to the network.

28. (original) A system as claimed in claim 27, in which the connection to be established is a voice connection.

29. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 27 ~~or 28~~, in which the terminal is a mobile terminal.

30. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 27, ~~28 or 29~~, in which the terminal has key entry means operable to confirm the dialling information for transmission.

31. (original) A system as claimed in claim 27, in which the terminal is operable to initiate a connection to the network by indialling to a service number.

32. (original) A system as claimed in claim 31, in which the service number is predetermined, and may be in the form of an international number or short code.

33. (original) A system as claimed in claim 27, in which the terminal is operable to combine the step of entering as text and confirming the dialling information with the step of initiating a call to the network.

34. (original) A system as claimed in claim 27, in which at least part of the dialling information transmission and processing time takes place in parallel with call set-up time for an indialled call to the network.

35. (original) A system as claimed in claim 27, in which the terminal is operable to answer an outdialled call from the network in order to initiate the desired connection.

36. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 27 ~~any one of claims 27 to 35~~, in which the terminal has key entry means to place the terminal into the operating text dialling mode from a standby mode.

37. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 27 ~~any one of claims 27 to 36~~, in which the terminal can be switched to a numeric entry mode in which the terminal is operable to enter dialling information in a form that consists of numeric information, for transmission to the network.


38. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 27 ~~any one of claims 27 to 37~~, in which the dialling information is transmitted by SMS, USSD or packet data.

39. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 27 ~~any one of claims 27 to 38~~, in which the terminal includes a display operable to display a text calling line identity string received as part of a text communication, and operable on entry of a confirmatory action by the user to transmit the text string to the network, and to initiate automatically a connection to a service platform.

Remarks

All of the claims have been amended to delete multiple dependencies. In the event there still remains a claim that depends from more than one claim, the Office is hereby authorized to amend such claim to depend from the first mentioned of the multiple claims from which it depends.

Respectfully submitted,



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